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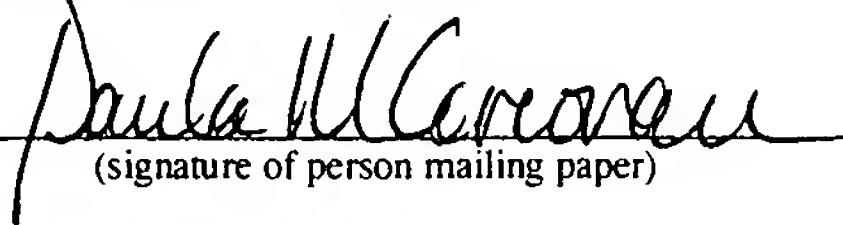
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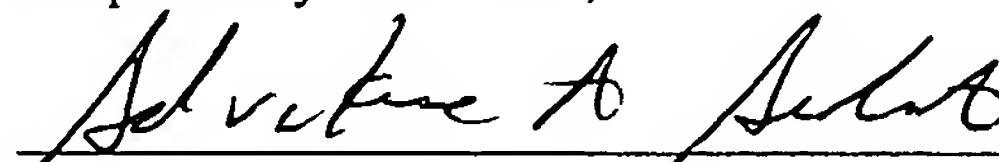
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To the Honorable Commissioner For Patents:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97 encouraging the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement, Applicant submits this paper in compliance with his duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

Applicant wishes to introduce art having some relevance to the present application, which has been listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08B. No representation is made that a specific search has been made by Applicant, that the information is material to the claimed subject matter, or that the information represents the only or the best information.

Applicant does not admit that any of the information provided is necessarily prior to his invention, but rather it is information of which Applicant is aware and believes should be provided to the Office in fulfillment of the duty of disclosure. Any question that may arise regarding the priority of a specific document shall be resolved during prosecution.

The referenced art is being cited for the express purpose of providing the Patent and Trademark Office with the opportunity to make an evaluation and to arrive at an independent assessment of materiality of each document, if any, to the examination of this application. Applicant respectfully requests that the cited art be made of record.

Cited references DE 78 00 098 U1 and DE 10158166 C1 are in the German language. Cited references DE 78 00 098 U1 and DE 10158166 C1 were cited in an International Search Report dated 29 July 2005 for the corresponding PCT international application (PCT/GB2005/000889). In the International Search Report dated 29 July 2005, reference DE 10158166 C1 was designated as a "X" reference. In the International Search Report dated 29 July 2005, reference DE 78 00 098 U1 was designated as an "A" reference, which is described as a document defining the general state of the art which are not considered to be of particular relevance. During the prosecution of the PCT application, the International Searching Authority rescinded the 29 July 2005 International Search Report and issued a second International Search Report dated 10 August 2005. DE 78 00 098 U1 was not included on this second Search Report. Applicant encloses herewith a copy of the International Search Report for the corresponding PCT international application for the Examiner's reference.

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The Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before a first office action on the merits of the application. No fee is due with the filing of this paper. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3).

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